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1. THE FOLLOWING IS RWANDA PRESS GUIDANCE (AF AND IO).

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2. AF PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES BY RPF  
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Q: IS IT TRUE THAT THE RPF HAS COMMITTED HUMAN RIGHTS  
ATROCITIES? WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT IT?

A: THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS OF HARASSMENT AND REPRISALS BY  
RPF SOLDIERS AND RETURNING TUTSI REFUGEES AGAINST HUTUS,  
PARTICULARLY IN SOUTHEASTERN RWANDA. THE CONTINUED  
OUTFLOW OF REFUGEES TO TANZANIA HAS BEEN OF PARTICULAR  
CONCERN.

FROM THE TIME WE FIRST HEARD THESE REPORTS, WE URGED THE  
NEW GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA TO INVESTIGATE AND TAKE NECESSARY  
ACTION. WE MADE THIS POINT BOTH THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN  
KIGALI AND IN MEETINGS BETWEEN VISITING U.S. OFFICIALS AND

RWANDAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE PRESIDENTIAL  
MISSION ALSO RAISED THESE REPORTS.

THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT ASSURED US THAT REPRISALS ARE NOT  
THE POLICY OF THE GOVERNMENT. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAID  
THEY BELIEVED THE ATTACKS WERE ISOLATED INCIDENTS AND THAT  
THEY WERE WORKING TO ENSURE DISCIPLINE WITHIN THE MILITARY.

SUBSEQUENT INFORMATION WHICH SUGGESTS THAT THE PROBLEM MAY

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BE MORE WIDESPREAD THAN ORIGINALLY REPORTED IS  
CONTROVERSIAL. THE UN IS INVESTIGATING AND HAS DISCUSSED  
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THE MATTER WITH THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE ALSO  
URGED THE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE AND TAKE APPROPRIATE  
ACTION.

WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH UNAMIR THE CRITICAL NEED TO PLACE  
PEACEKEEPERS IN THE SOUTHEAST WHERE THE REPORTS OF ABUSES  
HAVE BEEN CENTERED. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT THE UN IS  
DISPATCHING A CONTINGENT TO THE AREA.

Q: WAS THIS RAISED DURING UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH'S TRIP?  
CAN WE GET A WRAP UP ON THE TRIP?

A: UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH IS WINDING UP A VISIT TO THE  
REGION TODAY. HE SPENT SEVERAL DAYS IN RWANDA AND, ALONG  
WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, PRUDENCE  
BUSHNELL, HE RAISED OUR CONCERNS WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND  
URGED IMMEDIATE ACTION TO INVESTIGATE THE REPORTS OF  
ABUSES AND TAKE STEPS TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM.

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AGREED THAT AN INVESTIGATION WAS  
REQUIRED, AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS  
COOPERATING WITH THE UN IN THIS INVESTIGATION.

IN BURUNDI, UNDER SECRETARY WIRTH URGED THE PARTIES TO  
COMPLETE THE PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION PROCESS AS QUICKLY AS  
POSSIBLE SO THAT THE COUNTRY COULD MOVE FORWARD WITH ITS  
DEMOCRATIC TRANSITION.

Q: OTHER THAN DEMARCHES, WHAT ELSE ARE THE U.S. AND  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DOING TO ADDRESS THE REPORTS OF  
RPF ABUSES?

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A: THE U.S. IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE UN TO COMPLETE  
DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. THERE ARE  
ALREADY ABOUT 4,200 UNAMIR PERSONNEL IN RWANDA; THE 5,500

FORCE SHOULD BE FULLY DEPLOYED BY THE END OF THE  
MONTH.

IN ADDITION, WE ARE PUSHING TO HAVE THE UN COMPLETE

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DEPLOYMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE FIRST GROUP OF 25 SHOULD BE ON THE GROUND BY THE END OF THE MONTH.

THE U.S. HAS PLEDGED A VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION OF DOLLARS 750,000 AND HAS BEEN ASSISTING THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION TO EXPEDITE PLANNING AND RECRUITMENT OF MONITORS. THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER'S PLAN OF ACTION INCLUDES APPROXIMATELY 150 MONITORS, FORENSICS EXPERTS, AND OTHER SPECIALISTS, AND THE UN WILL BE APPEALING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THESE ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL.

WE ARE ALSO PRESSING FOR RAPID COMPLETION OF THE WORK OF THE UN COMMISSION OF EXPERTS AND SPEEDY ESTABLISHMENT OF A UN WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL TO BRING TO JUSTICE THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR GENOCIDE, WAR CRIMES, OR OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS ATROCITIES. WE EXPECT THE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ITS INTERIM REPORT IN THE NEXT WEEK OR SO, AND WE INTEND TO MOVE QUICKLY THEREAFTER IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO ESTABLISH A TRIBUNAL.

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Q: WOULD THE TRIBUNAL ALSO PROSECUTE CASES INVOLVING RPF ATTACKS?

A: WE STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT THE TRIBUNAL MUST BE EVEN-HANDED IN METING OUT JUSTICE AND THAT ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE COMMITTED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN RWANDA SINCE APRIL -- REGARDLESS OF WHICH SIDE THEY MAY HAVE FOUGHT FOR OR SUPPORTED -- SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF THE PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL.

Q: WHAT IMPLICATIONS DO THESE REPORTS HAVE ON OUR RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN RWANDA?

A: WE HAVE MADE CLEAR TO THE NEW GOVERNMENT THAT OUR RELATIONS AND ASSISTANCE DEPEND ON SERIOUS EFFORTS BY THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT TO CREATE CONDITIONS THAT WILL PROMOTE REFUGEE RETURN, INTERNAL RECOVERY, AND, ULTIMATELY, NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

WE HOPE THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL ACT QUICKLY TO END THESE LIVES ARE PROTECTED AND REFUGEES WILL FEEL SAFE TO RETURN. THIS WOULD ALLOW US TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING OUR RELATIONS AND ASSISTING THE NEW GOVERNMENT AND ITS PEOPLE

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TO RECOVER FROM THE WAR AND MOVE TO NATIONAL  
RECONCILIATION.

Q: IS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ENCOURAGING REFUGEES TO  
RETURN? IF SO, WILL THESE REPORTS CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE  
THAT POLICY?

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A: OUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE HAS NOT CHANGED. FROM THE  
BEGINNING, WE HAVE SUPPORTED THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN  
RWANDA THAT WILL FACILITATE THE VOLUNTARY RETURN OF  
REFUGEES IN SAFETY.

WE OPPOSE INVOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND DO NOT SUPPORT  
ENCOURAGING REFUGEE RETURN IF IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT  
REPATRIATION CAN BE DONE SAFELY.

OUR DEMARCHES TO THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE  
REPORTS OF ATTACKS ON CIVILIANS, AND THE DEPLOYMENT OF  
EXPANDED UNAMIR AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS, ARE INTENDED TO  
IMPROVE THE SECURITY SITUATION AND THEREBY FACILITATE  
SAFE, VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION.

Q: WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT REPORTS OF FORMER  
GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS ENGAGING OR PLANNING TO ENGAGE IN  
GUERRILLA WARFARE?

A: WE REMAIN CONCERNED BY INSECURITY IN THE BORDER AREA  
BETWEEN ZAIRE AND RWANDA. RECENT SECURITY INCIDENTS HAVE  
BEEN TRACED TO THE PRESENCE OF COHESIVE UNITS OF MEMBERS  
OF THE FORMER RWANDAN ARMED FORCES AMONG THE REFUGEE  
POPULATION.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT SMALL GROUPS OF FORMER  
RWANDAN ARMED FORCES MAY HAVE RE-ENTERED RWANDA. AS YET,  
HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO SIGNS THAT THIS IS AN ORGANIZED  
INCURSION.

RETURN TO RWANDA OF REFUGES HAS BEEN INHIBITED BY

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HARASSMENT AND INTIMIDATION BY MEMBERS OF THE FORMER  
RWANDAN ARMED FORCES, HJTU MILITAS AND CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF  
THE FORMER RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

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THE CONTINUED INSECURITY ALONG THE BORDER HIGHLIGHTS THE

THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR CONTINUING EFFORTS TO WORK WITH  
THE UN TO ACCELERATE DEPLOYMENT OF A FULL COMPLEMENT OF  
UNAMIR PEACEKEEPERS AND HUMAN RIGHTS MONITORS TO RWANDA.

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3. IO PRESS GUIDANCE - RWANDA: RWANDAN ATROCITIES  
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Q: WHAT IS THE UN DOING TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS OF  
ATROCITIES BY SOLDIERS OF THE NEW RWANDAN GOVERNMENT IN  
THE SOUTHEASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY?

A: THE UN HAS SENT UNAMIR FORCES TO THE AREA AND THUS FAR  
THEY HAVE FOUND NO PROOF OF MASSACRES BY TROOPS OF THE NEW  
RWANDAN GOVERNMENT.

Q: DOES THE US GOVERNMENT ACCEPT THE UNAMIR REPORTS?

A: THE INVESTIGATION IS CONTINUING AND IT IS TOO EARLY TO  
REACH ANY FINAL CONCLUSIONS. THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT HAS  
ASSURED US THAT REPRISALS ARE AGAINST ITS POLICY AND THAT  
TROOPS WHO COMMIT CRIMES WILL BE PUNISHED. WE SUPPORT  
CONTINUED MONITORING BY UN FORCES AND HUMAN RIGHTS  
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